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SUBJECT: PRAVDA JOURNALIST CLAIMS CUBANS LEAVING ANGOLA BY SHIP

1. LA TIMES CORRESPONDENT ROBERT TOTH TOLD ACTING
POL COUNSELOR APRIL 8 THAT PRAVDA JOURNALIST HAD
AFFIRMED TO HIM APRIL 5 THAT CUBANS WERE DEPARTING ANGOLA
IN SMALL NUMBERS BY SHIP; HE DID NOT SPECIFY DESTINATION.

2. PRAVDA MAN HAD CLAIMED TO TOTH THAT "REAL" REASON
CUBANS WERE SENT IN WAS TO PREVENT HOLDEN ROBERTO ROCES
FROM TAKING LUANDA BEFORE INDEPENDENCE WAS PROCLAIMED
NOVEMBER 11.

3. JOURNALIST ALSO TOLD TOTH CASTRO HAS BEEN PRE-
OCCUPIED WITH AFRICA FOR TEN YEARS, AND WAS NOT SERVING
AS SOVIET STOOGES. HE RECALLED A CONVERSATION BETWEEN
CASTRO AND HIGH SOVIET LEADERS SOME YEARS AGO WHICH HE HAD
ATTENDED, AND IN WHICH CASTRO HAD WANTED TO TALK ABOUT
AFRICA, WHILE SOVIETS WANTED TO TALK ABOUT "THE MILLION
RUBLES A DAY GOING DOWN THE DRAIN IN CUBA" (HIS WORDS
ACCORDING TO TOTH).

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